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From the Evening Poſt, Aug. 9.

Peterſburg, July 20.

THE Court received on the 11th Inſt an Expreſs from Perſia, with the following Relation from General Matouſchkin and Major-General Cropotow.

On the 29th of May, the Majors-General Cropotow and Scheremetoff marched out of the Fortreſs of St. Croix, with a Body of 9267 Militia and Regular Forces, to drive out of the Mountains the Princes who are at Enmity with us, particularly, Aldigom Schamchal; that Body having marched as far as the Town of Cumtureal, within the Dominions of the ſaid Schamchal, and that Prince ſeeing no Poſſibility of getting away with his Men, came to a Reſolution to ſue for Peace, and for that Purpoſe, ſent his own Nephew Arafch Beck and the Son of the Prince Surchai de Gribbenſy as Hoſtages; but Major-General Cropotow demanding that Aldigom Schamchal ſhould come himſelf, the latter ſent him Word he would wait upon him and make his Submiſſion, provided he would promiſe him his Life ſhould be ſafe; which being granted, he came to our Camp the firſt of June, attended with his chief Officers and Servants. They were all carried to the Fortreſs of St. Croix, where they remain under Arreſt. This Prince, who is the Chief of the Princes of the Mountains, was the firſt who declared againſt us, and ſorely annoyed us: But the ſaid Chief being ſecured by the Succeſs of the Arms of her Majeſty, 'tis probable the other Princes will ſubmit alſo, after the Example of Uſmei, who has ſent Deputies hither, to beg Pardon for the Ravages he has committed.

Warſaw, Aug. 26. Count Maurice of Saxony having ſince his Election writ a Letter to the High Chancellor of this Kingdom, wherein he alledges, for his own Juſtification, That having found the States of Courland already ſummoned in order to their proceeding to an Election; and being informed that the Competitors for th'Succeſſion us'd much Bribery, that determined him to ſet up for it; hoping, that if the Election fell out in his Favours, his Perſon would be more acceptable to the King and the Republick, and give leſs Umbrage than any other Perſon. To which the Chancellor returned the following Anſwer:

'Tis the whole Senate, preſent with the King and the Miniſters of the Kingdom and Lithuania, who have entreated his Majeſty, conformable to his Oath, to diſpatch a Reſcript, for prohibiting a Congreſs which might enter into Debates about the eventual Succeſſion of Courland, and for making void all Attempts, for Reaſons mentioned in the ſaid Reſcript. Moreover, other Reaſons were repreſented to his Majeſty when your Excellency was ſtill at Warſaw, which induced his Majeſty not to entertain any Thoughts about Courland, as your Excellency does own. But Matters having been carried to that Degree you ſay they have, and the Reſumption of the Diet being already reſolved upon, I will not enlarge any more upon that Subject, but refer it to the Deciſion of the States when aſſembled; being however indiſpenſibly obliged, by the Duty of my Office, to proteſt againſt an Attempt ſo contrary to the Will of his Majeſty and his Right, and alſo of the Republick.

Paris, Aug 14. The King ſtill rides out every Day for the benefit of the Air, and his Health grows better and better viſibly; but it is quite otherwiſe with the Queen, who is ſtill troubled with a Fever; as her Majeſty received no Relief from the Bark, ſhe has left it off. They write from Mont Briſeon, That on the 28th of laſt Month, they had a violent Storm of Hail, whereby ſeveral Pariſhes in that Neighbourhood received much Damage. The Hail Stones which fell being as large as Hen Eggs.

Baſil, Aug. 4. We hear that Men will ſhortly be inliſted in this Country, not only for completing, but alſo augmenting the Swiſs Regiments in the Service of the States General of the united Provinces.

London, Aug. 9. An Order for the Court-mourning for the firſt 3 Weeks; The Sleeves and Flaps plain, ſhammy Shoes, hemm'd Linen, Mourning Sword and Buckles, Black Gloves.

The Ladies: Black Stuff, hemm'd Linen, Black Fans and Shoes.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt Aug. 9.

Barcelona, July 27. A very extraordinary Caſe hap-

happen'd here ſome Days ago: Seven young Lads going for a Walk to the Hermitage of San Beltrando, about half a League out of Town, one of them took a certain red Fruit which grows near the Mountain de Monſin, and finding it very Sweet invited the others to eat of it, which they did; but on a ſudden they felt ſo much pain that they had ſcarce Strength to ſpeak. Four of them went to drink at the Fountain of San Beltrando, upon which they fell down Speechleſs, and ſwelled with frightful Contortions of the Body. At this Sight the Hermit rung the Bell, which having drawn the People thither from the Neighbourhood, they brought the young Lads to the Town, where they had ſeveral Remedies given them. Thoſe who did not drink are recovered, but the others died at the End of a few Days. The Phyſicians are employed in making ſeveral Experiments to know the Quality of the Fruit of this Plant.

Paris, Aug. 10. On the 4th the principal Fiſher women of Paris went to Verſailles to compliment the King on his Recovery.

London, Aug. 9. On Friday-night about 8 a clock one Sarah Hatchet, being entoxicated with Liquor, told the Man of the Swan Alehouſe in Long-Acre, That if he would give her ſome Water to drink, ſhe would tell him a Secret. He did ſo, and then ſhe told him that ſhe aſſiſted in cutting the Throat of Mr. Thomas Watſon who was found dead in the Streets: Whereupon he had her apprehended forthwith, and ſhe was twice examined next Day before a Juſtice; but ſaid then ſhe knew nothing of the Matter. She is ſtill in Cuſtody, and will be examined again.

From the Whitehall Evening-Poſt, July 30.

Berlin, Aug. 6. Yeſterday his Pruſſian Majeſty arrived here in perfect Health, from the Tour which he has made incog. to Cleves and Holland.

Stockholm, July 28. A Paper is privately handed up and down here, pretending to prove, that 'tis for the Intereſt of this Kingdom to ſecure the Succeſſion of this Crown to the Duke of Holſtein Gottorp, at the next general Diet of the States. But as this Paper only tends to ſow Diviſion in the Kingdom, the Senate has promiſed a Reward of 100 Rix-Dollars to whoſoever ſhall diſcover the Author.

London, Aug. 9. On Sunday Morning laſt died at Greenwich, Galfridus Walpole, Eſq; Brother to the Noble and Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole, and one of the Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Poſtmaſter General, in which Office 'tis ſaid he will be ſucceeded by Mr. Alderman Baylis.

The ſame Day the Court went into Mourning for three Months, on occaſion of the Death of Prince Maximilian of Hanover his Majeſty's Brother.

Vienna, July 31. The Corps of the late Prince Maximilian of Hanover has been depoſited in the principal Church of the barefooted Auguſtines, and among the Legacies which that Prince left, there's one of 12000 Florins for the Jeſuites of Bon.

From the London Gazette, Aug. 9.

Lisbon, July 28. On the 16th Inſt. 3 Dutch Men of War, under Command of Rear-Admiral Cooperen, came into this Port to careen. On the 25th came in a Dutch Man of War of 50 Guns from Amſterdam. The ſaid Rear-Admiral, with his three Ships, ſailed Yeſterday for the Streights; but the other Dutch Man of War remains here, in Expectation of three more Ships, with which ſhe is to join Vice-Admiral Somerſdike's Squadron in the Streights.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, Aug. 11.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from France, and one from Holland.

WE ſhould have added to our laſt, That the Engliſh who are ſettled in the City of Meſſina and other Places of that Iſland, go about to ſell all their Eſtates and Merchandices at 25 p. Cent. Loſs, for fear of being diſturbed in their Poſſeſſions in caſe of a War: For which, however, the Emperor does not ſeem to be over and above provided. By his Orders lately publiſhed at Milan, enjoining every Town and Village in that Dutchy to give Account of the Number of their Inhabitants, from 7 to 70 Years, 'tis thought he deſigns to lay a Poll-Tax upon thoſe People; tho' to which they have never yet been ſubject.

According to ſome Advices from Mittaw, the Regency of Courland have reſolved to maintain, with all their Force, the Election they have made in favours of Count Maurice of Saxony.

On the other hand, the Empreſs of Ruſſia perſiſts in her Reſolution of ſending a Body of Troops into that Dutchy, to protect the Election of the Ducte of Holſtein.

The above Count, in his Letter to the Primate of Poland, ſays, among other Things, That Courland was inclined to favour his Election, purely becauſe ſhe imagined, that there was no Subject that could

could be more agreeable to the King and Republic or that could give leſs Umbrage to Neighbours.

The Muſcovite Army at Riga, is encreaſed to 44,000, but upon what Enterprize they are deſigned is not known. Mean Time we are told, that when Prince Menzicoff, who Commands the aforeſaid Army, ſet out for Courland, which was on the 13th paſt, he gave them to underſtand, that if within the limited Time he had not a poſitive and ſatisfying Anſwer to the Demand of the Empreſs his Miſtreſs, for proceeding to a new Election of their Succeſſor, he would return with an Army, which ſhould oblige them to it: But the Courlanders flatter themſelves that they ſhall have the Aſſiſtance of the King and Republick of Poland.

However it be, 'tis apprehended that this Affair will Embaraſs the good Deſigns of preſerving intirely the Peace and Balance of Europe.

'Tis not known that the Court of Ruſſia have yet given any Satisfactory Anſwer to the King of Great Britain's Letter; but proper and effectual Meaſures will be no Doubt taken by Admiral Wager for obtaining the End propoſed.

The Right Honourable Sir Rober Walpole, is inconſolable for the Loſs of his Brother the Honourable Galfridus Walpole Eſq; who departed this Life laſt Sunday, and will be ſucceeded in the Place of Commiſſioner for executing the Office of Poſtmaſter General of Great Britain, by Edward Hampſton Eſq; Member of Parliament for the Burgh of Hartford, and one of the Directors of the Eaſt India Company.

The Lord Gairlis, Son to the Earl of Galloway is admitted to Bail, Sureties being given for his Appearance next Term at the King's Bench Court Weſtminſter; according to what is reported by ſome People, the Gentlemen skill'd in Deciphering Letters may again be made uſe of.

'Tis ſaid that Sir John Hynd Cotton, on account of the Affair mentioned in one of our former, is entred into a freſh Recognizance to appear next Term at the Court of King's Bench.

We have an Account, that the Captain of a Briſtol Galley was murdered on the Coaſt of Guinea by his Men, on account of a Jealouſy they had conceived of his carrying aſhore ſeveral Parcels of Corral belonging to the Ship, which generally yields 5 l. per Ounce in that Country.

We hear Sir John Kay ſtands for Knight for the Shire of York, in room of his Uncle the late Sir Arthur Kay: Tho' ſome think he will be oppoſed by Mr. Turner, a Gentleman of a great Eſtate.

From the Evening Poſt, Aug. 11.

Rome, July 27. Saturday laſt a Courier, diſpatched by the Court of Madrid, who by the Way called at Parma, arrived here with Advice, That the King of Spain has appointed Cardinal Bentiglio to be his Miniſter at this Court, and Cardinal Belluga to be Protector of the Spaniſh Nation. So that C. Alberoni has loſt all Hopes of being employed in the Affairs of the Spaniſh Monarchy. The Pope has ſolemnly declared, that he has made a Vow to conſecrate the Church of St. Philip of Neri at Benevento; therefore his Holineſs will certainly go thither in November next.

Vienna, Aug. 3. The Turkiſh Aga having made an Offer to this Court of ſome Millions for the Reſtitution of Temeſwaer, that Propoſal was not only rejected, but the Aga was alſo warned to abſtain for the future from offering any Thing of that Nature. The Ratification of the Acceſſion of the Emperor to the Treaty of Newſtadt and Stockholm, was exchanged two Days ago with that of Sweden. The Treaty with the Czarina is upon the Point of being ſigned.

Barcelona, July 18. Our Galleys which tranſported to the Iſland of Majorca the Regiment of Leon, returned in leſs than 8 Days, and having taken in here a Battallion of Caſtille, ſailed back to the ſaid Iſland; whither 'tis thought more Troops will be ſent ſtill, to ſecure it againſt all Attempts of Sir John Jennings's Squadron.

Verſailles, Aug. 15. On the 8th in the Evening the Queen had a violent Paroxiſm; the Fever continuing, and the Paroxiſms being frequent, her Majeſty, who had already made her Confeſſion, deſir'd to receive the Sacrament. The 13th at 6 in the Evening her Majeſty received the Viaticum from the Hand of the Biſhop of Frejus, her Great Almoner, with that exemplary Piety which directs all her Actions. The Kermes which was given the ſame Evening to her Majeſty having had a good Effect, ſhe was eaſed thereby, and had a pretty good Night's Reſt, and was likewiſe eaſy the next Day; and tho' ſhe had another Fit this Night, we flatter our ſelves that the Jeſuites Bark, which they deſign to make her take again, will carry off the Fever.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, Aug. 11.

Peterſburg, July 26. The Czarina is at length ſet out for Riga, by the Way of Narva and Dorpt, accompanied, by the youngeſt of the Princeſſes her Daughters, and 28 other Perſons. The Army near

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that Place is actually 44,000 Strong, including the Duke of Meclemburg's Troops, and Prince Menzicoff is to be Commander in Chief; but what they are to do no Body can tell.

London, Aug. 9. The Lord Gairlis, mentioned in our former, has been admitted to Bail, three Scots Noblemen being Sureties for his Appearance at the King's Bench Bar Westminster, the first Day of next Term. A Physician of Salisbury, who, we hear had corresponded with the said Lord by Letters written in Cyphers, is brought to Town in Custody from that City.

S. S. Stock, 107.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

¶¶ There is to be run for at *Huntly-Castle*, upon the Second Thursday of September next, and to be continued Yearly thereafter, a *PLATE* of Ten Pound Sterl. Value, given by His Grace the DUKE OF GORDON; by any Horse, Mare, or Gelding, not exceeding Thirteen Hands and Two Inches high, to be measured any Time the Week before Running (with their Shoes on) in Presence of a Judge to be appointed by HIS GRACE for that Effect. All Horses to be admited to run, must be at Huntly some Time before the Sun set on the Thursday preceeding the Day of the Race, and their Arrival to be intimate to HIS GRACE's Factor at Huntly, and there to be kept till the Race be over: And the winning Horse to be sold for One Hundred Merks, if requir'd by the Judge of the Race. The ordinary Course of the Race is to be run Twice round at one Heat. No Horse or Mare that has once won the said Plate, will thereafter be permitted to run. Each Rider, before Running, is to pay a Crown, to be distributed to the Poor.

¶¶¶ To be set in whole or in Parcels, five Ploughs of the Land of the Barony of KINPUNT, six Miles West of Edinburgh; one Hundred Acres thereof inclosed and subdivided, each Plough having a convenient Onstead, and near the Water of Almond: A House and Offices for Accommodation of a Gentleman. Enquire at the Manfion House of Kinpunt.

Edinburgh, 25th July 1726.

By Order of the MAGISTRATES.

¶ That a GALLOWAY PLATE, given by the Town of Leith, value *L.* 25 *ster.* will be run for on the Sands of Leith on the *Seventeenth of September* next, by Galloways carrying Nine Stones English, including Whip, Saddle and Bridle; to run 3 Heats, four Miles each, or twice round the Sands.—— The Horses are to start betwixt the Hours of 10 & 11 before Noon. The other Conditions and Rules for running of this Plate, are the same with those for running the City of Edinburgh's Plate; with this Difference, That each Person shall at Booking pay only One Guinea.

¶¶¶ That the KING's PLATE, value 100 Guineas, will be run for on the Sands of Leith the *Nineteenth of September* next, by any Horse, Mare or Gelding carrying Eleven Stones English, allowing Whip, Saddle and Bridle to be Part thereof; to run Three Heats four Miles, or twice round the Sands.—— The Horses to start betwixt 11 & 12 in the Forenoon —— No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed; and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags at the Starting and Distance-posts.—— The Distance-post is to be Tenscore Yards from the Starting-post.—— The Rider, after each Heat, is to take off his Saddle himself, and carry it with him the Moment he dismounts to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing a Pound for Waste. Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat, for Rubbing.—— If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat, gets the Plate: Or, if any Horse gains the first two Heats, he gets the Plate.—— If any Horse, Mare or Gelding runs on the wrong *Side* of any of the Posts, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and run right, or be adjudged as distanced.—— If the Water comes in upon the Course, the Posts are to be brought in during Rubbing, at the Direction of the Judges.—— The Flag at the Starting-post to be dropt the Moment the first Horse's Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat. And in case, by the Seas not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands.—— The Flag at the Distance-post to be dropt at the same Time with that at the Starting post; and all the Horses that are not seen to be past the Distance-post at that Time, are adjudged as distanced, and have no Right to run again.

¶ The *Silver Plate* given by the Town of Edinburgh, to the Value of 50 L. Sterling, will be run for on the Sands of Leith, on the 20th of *September* next, by any Horse Mare or Gelding, carrying ten *Stone* English Weight, allowing Whip, *Sadle*, and Bridle, to run three Heats, each Heat being four Miles, or twice round the *Sands*.—— The Horses are to start betwixt Twelve and One Mid-day. No Jostling or Crossing to be allowed, and all Disputes are to be determined by the Lord Provost, and Magistrates, who are to be with the Flags, at the Starting and Distance Posts.—— The Distance Post is to be ten score Yards from the Starting Post.—— The Rider after each Heat is to take off his Sadle himself, and to carry it with him that Moment he dismounts, to the Scales, and is to be allowed in weighing one *Pound* for Waste.—— Half an Hour is allowed at the End of each Heat for Rubbing.—— If three single Horses gains each of them a Heat, the Horse that gains the last Heat gets the *Plate*, or if any Horse gains the first two Heats, gets the *Plate*.—— If any Horse or Gelding runs on the wrong *Side* of any of the *Posts*, or runs down any of them, they are to run back the same Way, and turn right, or else they are adjudged as distanced.—— If the Water comes in upon the Course, the *Posts* are to be brought in during the Time of Rubbing, at the Directions of the Judges.—— The Flag at the Starting *Post* to be drop the Moment the first *Horses* Head is seen to be past it, at the End of each Heat; and in case by the Seas not going far enough out, the Sands should allow but a short Course, it shall be in the Power of the Judges, any Time before the Race, to appoint each Heat to be run thrice round the Sands.—— That the Horses which are to run for this Plate, being three at least, must be at Leith eight *Days* before the Days of the Race, and be booked fourty eight Hours before running, and to pay two Guineas each at Booking.

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